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We promote socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements development and the achievement of adequate shelter for all.
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The Urban and Demographic Context in Guinea

The General Census of Population and Housing (RGPH) of 2014 draws up an inventory of 40 urban centers in the country, Conakry representing together about one third of the 13.5 million inhabitants. The main dynamics are the urban and demographic transition (urban growth rate of 3.5%), the growth of Conakry and the recent strengthening of secondary urban centers, which are modernizing despite their low economic vitality. There are still many challenges in terms of the number and quality of infrastructures, the level of urban services and equipment. The country’s statistics are below the African and ECOWAS averages.

Guinea’s macrocephalic organization remains a defining feature of the country, and this trend is increasing. The growth of Conakry has a major impact on its urban area and the urban structure of the country. Localities, both urban and rural, are getting emptied from their human capacities (trained young people and workers for agriculture) in the absence of opportunities to access to economic opportunities and services. The dysfunctions observed (urban congestion, flooding, pollution, social inequalities, etc.), combined with the prospects of demographic pressure and rural exodus, bring challenges while the population will double by 2040. This may lead to a worsening of the living conditions of the inhabitants, an increased exposure to natural and industrial risks and a threat to fragile areas: mangroves, wetlands, agricultural areas, forest areas, etc.

** The Urban Context in Guinea

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### Country profile

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<th>Total population (2021)</th>
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<td>Urban Population (2021)</td>
<td>35,5%**</td>
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<td>Population in Conakry (2021)</td>
<td>2,1 million**</td>
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<td>Urban Growth Rate (2021)</td>
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<td>Total Value of Projects (2023)</td>
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* World Bank (2021)  ** National Institute for Statistics (INS)
UN-Habitat interventions in Guinea

After the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Guinea and UN-Habitat in September 2012 in Naples, on the occasion of the World Urban Forum, the technical services of the Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Territorial Development (MUHAT), the officials and experts of the UN-Habitat Regional Office for Africa (ROAf), have engaged in consultations on the conditions for the establishment of a cooperation programme following the example of several other countries. Within this framework, the areas of land use planning and urban development that require technical support and advisory services, and/or support for the mobilization of resources from UN-Habitat have been identified. These are mainly urban and territorial planning, provision of basic services, social housing, institutional development, and good governance.

The Memorandum of Understanding was renewed in July 2021 for a period of five years. The Ministry and UN-Habitat intend to collaborate and work together to carry out activities in support of strategic planning, with a focus on climate change and urban resilience, and dialogue and policy development processes at the central, local and community levels that contribute to an improved governance of urban, land and housing sectors, and more generally to the sustainable development of human settlements in urban and rural environments.

**Our thematic areas of intervention**

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SANITA Sustainable Cities Project

Co-funding: European Union, UN-Habitat, and Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Territorial Development (MUHAT)

Period: January 2019–December 2023

Budget: 4 150 000 EUR (EU), 42 500 EUR (UN-Habitat), 37 800 EUR (MUHAT)

Areas of intervention: Greater Conakry and National scale

Partners: MUHAT, MATD, MEDD, MITP, ISAU, Gouvernorat of Conakry, Civil Society Organizations, and 8 municipalities

Goal: Strengthening urban governance at the local and national levels.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Institutional capacities strengthened
- National Urban Policy developed and validated
- Implementation of the 1991 National Spatial Planning Scheme evaluated, and new strategic orientations defined and validated
- Urban planning documents for Conakry developed and validated in a participatory manner
- Priority pilot projects and inclusive and multi-stakeholder dialogue

UN-HABITAT’S WORK IN THE COUNTRY

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Strengthening multi-stakeholder for a responsible land and environmental governance in Lower Guinea

Funding: Peacebuilding Fund (United Nations)

Period: 2022-2023

Budget: 1,000,000 USD (UN-Habitat), 600,000 USD (UNDP), 500,000 USD (Accord)

Areas of intervention: Conakry, Prefectures of Dubréka, Coyah, Boffa and Forécariah

Partners: MUHAT, MATD, MAE, MGM, MJDH, MEDD, Civil Society Organizations

Goal: Strengthening Multi-stakeholder dialogue and social cohesion and establishing gradual and pragmatic mechanism for responsible and adapted land and environment governance to prevent conflict related to mining, quarrying and urban displacement operations

- Development and testing of urban management and land tenure security tools.
- Revision of the Legal framework
**Countries of intervention:** Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda

**Goal:** Enhancing road safety in African cities through the improvement of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and policies

- Collection of data on the road safety
- Conception and design of safer streets
- Advocacy on non-motorized transport

**Funding:** United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF)

**Period:** 2022-2024

**Budget:** 500,000 USD

**“Urban-Rural linkages” Project**

**Funding:** United Nations Development Account (UNDA)

**Period:** September 2019 – December 2021

**Budget:** 65,000 USD (ONU-Habitat et UNDA), 11,700 USD (MUHAT)

**Areas of intervention:** National scale

**Partners:** MUHAT and sectorial departments

**Goal:** Building capacity in data collection and use, to promote multi-sectoral and multi-level frameworks and action plans for integrated and inclusive land use planning, that enhances urban-rural linkages.

**“Regain the right to live in the city of Conakry – Urban public spaces” Project**

**Co-funding:** UN-Habitat (Block by Block) and Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Territorial Development (MUHAT)

**Period:** September 2019 – December 2021

**Budget:** 85,000 USD (UN-Habitat), 50,000 USD (MUHAT)

**City of intervention:** Conakry

**Goal:** Improving the quality of life of vulnerable groups through access to safe and inclusive public spaces and markets

- Public spaces profile profiles
- Participatory design of La Jetée site

**“Multi-stakeholders solidarity response to the Covid-19 pandemic” Project**

**Funding:** UN-Habitat, and European Union

**Period:** 2020-2021

**Budget:** 99,348 USD (UN-Habitat), 40,000 EUR (European Union)

**City of intervention:** Conakry

**Partners:** MUHAT (DATU), MIC, MT, Municipalities of Matoto, Matam, Ratoma, Dixinn and Kaloum, ANSS, ANIES, ANASP, WHO et VNU, Afriland First Bank

**Goal:** Mobilizing private, public and community stakeholders to support the government’s efforts in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic affecting vulnerable people and in informal settlements.
KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF UN-HABITAT’S PRESENCE IN GUINEA

Organization of the first National Urban Forum on sustainable urbanization and land use planning: a breeding ground for the development of the National Urban Policy, the Urban Development Scheme of Greater Conakry, and the revision of the National Territorial Development Scheme

Development of technical studies to guide the formulation of public policies and development plans:
- Evaluation of the implementation of the 1986 Urban Development Plan of Conakry
- Evaluation of the implementation of the 1991 National Territorial Development Scheme
- Diagnosis of urbanization and the challenges of sustainable urban development
- Study of Conakry’s neighborhood profiles
- Profile of public spaces in Conakry
- Evaluation reports on the legal framework for urban development
- Socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 in the vulnerable neighborhoods of Conakry

Production of the Territorial Development Scheme of Greater Conakry and two Detailed Development Plans (and implementation plans), as pilots on urban renewal and environmental preservation issues, developed in a participatory manner

Formulation of the draft National Urban Policy based on cross-sectoral consultations at the national level

A concerted out a concerted diagnosis of the Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Territorial Development and a dedicated Capacity Building Plan
Implementation of multi-faceted capacity building activities: on-the-job training, training in urban design, GIS, use of drones, land use planning principles, community planning, data collection and analysis, matrix of functions, street auditing...

A strategic partnership with the University and establishment of an Urban Studies and Research Laboratory, training of trainers and development of didactic tools on urban planning issues

Development and experimentation of tools pertaining to land management in selected prefectures in lower Guinea with a view to respond to the recommendations of the Land Tenure Forum in Guinea

Nine community consultation frameworks in the neighborhoods of Greater Conakry set up and equipped for community planning and the identification of priority projects to improve the living environment
1. Better knowledge of the regulatory tools of the urban planning sector and its fundamentals by the professionals of the sector at the national and deconcentrated levels

2. Strong mobilization of stakeholders in relation to urban and regional planning issues at the national scale, and particularly at the regional scale

3. Gradual understanding and collective awareness of the transversality of urban and spatial planning with other sectors, and of the need for strong inter-ministerial coordination

4. Strong demand from officials in other sectors for sectoral policies to be taken into account in urban and regional planning policies and schemes

5. A growing ecological awareness that is reflected in planning tools that emphasize the preservation or restoration of natural resources

6. Awareness of the importance of the contribution of partners (universities, professional associations, the private sector, civil society, and communities) in urban development, particularly about territorial planning and pilot projects to improve the living environment at the grassroots level. These are all elements of improved urban governance, which is reflected in the institutionalization of consultation and participation frameworks and the involvement of the university in the resolution of urban problems

7. Institutions with urban planning policies and tools that are co-produced and enforceable against third parties and that promote sustainable urbanization Knowledge transfer and gradual improvement of professional practices within the partner institutions

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GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Territories covered

Greater Conakry
- Conakry
- Coyah
- Dubréka
- Kindia
- Boffa
- Forécariah

National scale

We are working with

The ministries: MUHAT, MPCI, MITP, MT, MEDD, MATD...

Local Authorities, local communities, Universities and Research Centres, Professional Orders, Community Groups, NGO, and CBO

Other international organizations: EU, ITDP, United Nations (UNDP, FAO, PBF, WHO, UNV)...

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